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Bundibroog Division
Superintendents Office
Bangalore 2nd November 1870

To

The Judicial Commissioner
of Mysore

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Sir

In compliance with the instructions contained in your office letter No. 818/141 of 4th August last, I have the honor to submit the enclosed report and its accompaniments in original / received from the District Magistrate, as well as a resume of the opinions expressed by the Taloor Sub-Magistrates on the general working of the present police in the Bangalore District, as compared with that under the old organization.

2. As remarked by Major Hay, the official returns afford no means of instituting a reliable comparison between the results of the Police working under the old and new Systems; but from the statements furnished by the Deputy Superintendent, the annexed table has been prepared giving the requisite statistics regarding Crimes, Criminals and

Property for the years 1868 and 1869. The new Police having been set on foot in April 1869, the returns for that year exhibits its working for only 9 months.

3. The comparison is in most respects in favor of the year 1869. With regard to the detection of Crimes, I find that, after deducting cases "reported not to have occurred," and those "withdrawn or dismissed"; the detected cases were to the total number of cases reported, in the proportion of 81 per cent. in 1868, and 95 per cent in 1869. The returns for the latter year shew a large decrease in the Value of property found to have been Stolen. But even these meagre facts are rendered unreliable by the mode in which the returns were formerly prepared.

4. The Auditors are almost unanimous in condemning the new system, and as that system limits them of much of the Authority which they formerly exercised within their Jurisdiction, the Expression of such an opinion is not unnatural. There are two points however on which the newly organized Police are generally regarded as defective.

1st The inadequacy of the force in the Taloo, and the consequent magnitude of the Ranges comprised within the area of each Station house charge, and 2 ndly the absence of association between the Police and the village Servants, for the purpose of preventing or detecting crime - On the latter point I have reason to believe that the defect exists, with the Effect of detracting largely from the Efficiency of the Police -

5. There are I believe other matters connected less with the System than with the working of the Non-Police in respect of which improvement might be possible, and on which it would be practicable to bestow more attention hereafter, for the Event of an Officer of Experience being appointed to superintend the Department. -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Norman McLeay
Offg Superintendent.

Comparative Statement of Crimes, Criminals, and Property reported to have been plundered, recovered &c during the years 1868 and 1869.

Years	Particulars of Crimes						Particulars of Criminals						Particulars of property																	
	Cases reported	Reported out of former years	Cases withdrawn or false	Cases decided	Total	Balance	Convicted in cases reported	Otherwise disposed of	Sent over with former balance	Sent over decided	Total	Balance	Property stolen in cases reported		Property recovered in cases reported		Rs. to be recovered in cases disposed of		Value of property in cases decided		Total		Balance							
1868	3190	773	106	1892	3071	119	6753	1697	1126	3781	6604	149	18570	9	10	4661	11	11	1104	12	-	7153	14	8	12920	6	7	5690	3	3
1869	3285	791	352	2045	3188	97	7326	1842	1226	4037	6905	121	10007	4	6	5214	6	11	535	8	11	2203	2	2	7953	2	-	2054	2	6
Increase	95	18	246	153	117	-	273	145	-	256	301	-	"	"	"	552	11	-	"	-	-	-	-	-	"	"	-	-	-	-
Decrease	-	"	"	"	"	22	"	"	100	"	"	28	8503	5	4	-	"	"	569	3	1	4950	12	6	4967	4	7	3536	-	9	

Bangalore
2nd November 1870.

Mackay Allely
Offg Superintendent

No. 670

Deputy Superintts Office 6

Bangalore 25th October 1870.

To

The Superintendent

Nundidroog Division

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter No. 2436/614 dated 22nd Augt. last, and to forward for information three Statements of Crimes Committed and detected &c in the District under the former System from 1st January 1868 upt to 31st March 1869, and the present from 1st April 1869 upt to 31st December 1869; as also an abstract of the opinions given by the Amildars regarding the working of the new Police

2 From my own observation during the eight months I have been in connection with this District, I am led to the Conclusion that though the present Police System may have its advantages in a crowded and populous part of the country

Country, the old Kundachar Establishment is better suited to the Mysore Province which as a rule is a thinly populated ryotwar Country, in which the amount of serious Crimes is very small. Their services having been also available in Superintending Repairs to Tanks and other public works, and generally in Carrying out the multifarious duties devolving on Amildars in a ryotwar Battaye Country. I do not think therefore that the extension of the Police is at all required for some time to come

3. The Police Superintendent's report is returned. —

4. It is desirable that some understanding should be arrived at as to whether the Superintendent of Police is under the orders of the District Magistrate or not. The present Acting Superintendent of Police states that he is not bound by an order of the District Magistrate directing him to proceed and locally enquire into

into any case.—

I have the honor to be—
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

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Dy: Superintendent
Offs: in Bangalore Distt

Translation of a Canarese memorandum embodying the opinions expressed by the several Amildars of this District amant the old and New Police system.

Bangalore Amildar

Under the old system the Police men were very strenuously making detection of thefts &c. than Committed. The procedure of those days, different from that of the present as it was, was terrific that the least no. of Crimes were Committed

Now distinct officers have been nominated to the Police service with a good establishment and freed from the burden of other works. Hence the correct and legal Conduct of Police being that the present Police Force are solely responsible for their duties, is an advantage over the former system, according to which a sub Magistrate and Police officer could hardly be supposed to

(4) Olunee been owing justice to his combined duties. The present System is all right.

When the old Kanoo clear was in existence there were 7 Jemmadars Hoscoté Amildar
Policemen attached to these were very successful in detecting Cases of the Taloak with the aid of the sirkoors, Shanbogues, and other lower village Servants. Further, the head of the Taloak, the Amildar, used to be reported every Crime Committed in his Taloak.

Whereas tho' the new Police work generally satisfactorily, the amildar has no chance of gaining information thro' Sirkoors and Shanbogues regarding such occurrences of his Taloak as are not reported by the Police — a practice in vogue in the Kanoo clear days when the amildar was the head of the Police. The Killedar being the sole head of the Taloak Police, Cases are not frequently brought to light, partly owing to the Killedar receiving

no information Concerning them from his subordinates, and partly to the latter doing their business carelessly.

Davanikulli Amildar. Detections are used to be promptly made by the old Kandachar.

Quite so is the Case with the new Police. But the latter force Consists of a Comparatively small no of persons tho' they are paid better. often the need of more men is felt.

Dodda Ballapur Amildar. do — do — except the expression that more men are required for the new force.

Nelmangala Amildar. When the old Police was in existence the offences Committed used to be detected easily.

The present Police do their work properly. But the Police in H. Es's territories are acquainted with the rules & regulations wherein those of this District work, tho' without an equally Complete Knowledge of the Codes. They may however better Conversed with them eventually

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The strength of the Police force is insufficient, the number that now Constitute it, being less tho' paid better than before. It may be advisable to reduce their pay and increase the number of men on the present scale. Offences occur as before.

Tho' the former numerous Kundoolay was paid less than the present Police, they with the aid of other Departmental officials were making some detections. People feared them duly too.

The present force contains a less No of men on a raised salaries and is quite separate from the other Depts unlike the old Police; hence the fear of insecurity felt by the people and travellers, and the Consequent prefer-ableness of the late Kundoolar.

With reference to the old Police, it is better for the new one that the Talook Sub Magistrate is dis-connected with it.

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Her old Police was working well enough, and in the same manner do the present, who by taking up the responsibility of detecting Magisterial Cases inorprudently of the Amildar, relieved the latter authority to great extent.

Magistrate

The Police recently established send to the Taluk Magistrate only such Cases as are Cognizable by them, and as such, likely to be proved, but do not or have no authority to, report all the occurrences of the Taluk. There is no hope of checking their work; besides, formerly, the Police with the help of the Toti and Talwar were not allowing suspicious & ill-reputed characters to pass freely in the streets during nights, but were causing them to lie down in the Chavdy until day-break, and by so doing were avoiding the Commission of many a Crime.

Since the opening of the new Police Cases of theft are of very

frequent occurrence, and it appears that in some of them, tho' intimation be given to the Police, they do not bring the offenders to justice, while in others, the losers of property make no intimation of their loss Police under the impression that so doing would be of no avail.

It has therefore to be concluded that the old Police was far preferable to the new.

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He new is better than the old Sirjapura.
Police

Vice versa — Yallalumka.
because according to the present system, each peon on beat duty has 10 or 15 villages allotted to him, which he cannot certainly be expected to pass thro' on one and the same day. Moreover tidings of Crimes Committed do not reach there ears without delay. So it appears to be certain that work is done better in those Talooks

whether the new Police System has not as yet been extended than in those in which it has already come into operation, it is to be said that the old Police is better than the new

Deputy Superintendent
Offg in Bangalore Distt

S.H.S.